

What happens once the Irish Sea border ‘grace periods’ end?

Centre for Brexit Studies Senior Fellow Dr Steven McCabe has discussed possible extensions to Irish Sea border “grace periods”, that is set to be discussed this week by the EU-UK body overseeing the Northern Ireland Brexit deal.

The grace periods mean that checks and controls on goods going from Great Britain to Northern Ireland are not yet fully implemented.

The UK Government, with the support of business groups, has asked the EU for an extension until 2023. In a video shared today, Dr McCabe discussed what the EU’s stance on this could be.

Northern Ireland Secretary Brandon Lewis said problems with the trade arrangements had to be “fixed and sorted”, but he said they provided “huge” competitive advantages for the Northern Ireland economy. The expert analysed what these future advantages could be.

[The video is available to watch now.](#)